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September 11th, 1914

Dr. Edward Broome,

Chestnut Park,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Broome:

I read your letter to the Board of Governors yesterday afternoon immediately after receiving it. They are, however, of the opinion that it would be unwise for them to grant the request, inasmuch as they have had to refuse many similar requests and a precedent might be created that would involve them in future difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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CHESTNUT PARK,
TORONTO.

Sept. 9. 14.

Dear Doctor Falconer.

You will perhaps
recognize my name as that
of the conductor of the Chorus
which gave a concert in
Convocation Hall in the
Spring. Plans have been
made to give our concert
this year in Massey Hall
with the New York Philharmonic
orchestra (82 players) Olive
Fremstad, Kitty Cheatham and
a quartet for "Messiah",
involving expenses close upon
7000⁰⁰. The War has upset

these arrangements - the Government would not allow 82 German players into the country so we are endeavoring to cancel this. As an alternative we propose to engage the local orchestra - still retaining our quartet for "Messiah" - and devoting the proceeds to the Patriotic Fund. Do you think we could for a purpose of this kind be allowed the use of the Convention Hall again. The business management of these concerts would be placed in the hands of the officers of the Fund and all we should ask would be the actual expense of music supplied to the Chorus. My church has offered us the rehearsal hall, my

Services and those of the
choristers are given as an
contribution to the Fund.

Failing the consent of
the Board of Managers of
the University we shall
give the concerts in my
own church, but our organ
is so inadequate and the
choir gallery so small that
we should be under decided
disadvantage, beside which,
the concerts would then
have a sectarian aspect
which would be entirely
obviated were they given in
C. Hall. The chorus numbers
this year over 200 voices.

If the plan at all appeals
to you personally I feel
sure you could influence
the authorities in our favor

I have not spoken of this to
our committee but I meet
them again on Friday &
shall be glad indeed to
lay any information you can
give me before them.

You will understand Sir
that personally I am quite
well in that the concerts be
managed quite outside of
our organization. Our responsibility
will begin and end with the
music Yours sincerely

Edward Broome.